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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON EUGENE DIVISION

WYATT B., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TINA KOTEK, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 6:19-cv-00556

PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO AMEND CAPTION TO REMOVE NEXT FRIENDS

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**CERTIFICATION PER LOCAL RULE 7-1** 

Plaintiffs conferred with Defendants on May 16, 2024. Defendants do not object to

the motion.

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO AMEND CAPTION

Plaintiffs move pursuant to Civil Rule 17 to amend the caption in this matter. At

the time of the filing of this case, all named plaintiffs were under the age of 18 and appeared

through next friends pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 17(c). At the time of the filing in April 2019, the

named plaintiffs were incompetent by reason of minority. No party alleges, or has alleged, that

any plaintiff is incompetent to represent their own interest, or the interests of the general class and

subclasses, for any reason other than age.

Since April 2019, five of the named plaintiffs have turned 18 and are competent to represent

their own interests (and as class representatives, the interests of the class and subclasses), without

intercession from a next friend. Specifically, the following plaintiffs are 18 years old or older:

Norman N., Naomi B, Ruth T., Simon S., and Bernard C. All five are legally competent to make

their own decisions and therefore no longer need to appear through next friends. As these five no

longer need to appear through next friends and are represented by counsel, their next friends should

be removed from the caption.

The plaintiffs' portion of the caption in this matter should now read as follows:

"WYATT B. and NOAH F. by their next friend Michelle McAllister; KYLIE R. and ALEC

R.by their next friend Kathleen Megill Strek; UNIQUE L. by her next friend Annette Smith;

SIMON S.; RUTH T.; BERNARD C.; NAOMI B.; and NORMAN N., individually and on behalf

of all others similarly situated"

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These changes will clarify for the record who should, in fact, participate as signatories to

any settlement agreement in this matter.

For the above-stated reasons, Plaintiffs ask the Court to declare that the named Plaintiffs

over the age of 18 are competent to participate in this matter as individual plaintiffs and as class

representatives without assistance from a next friend and to order that the Plaintiffs' portion of the

caption in this matter be amended to list the Plaintiffs as follows:

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R.by their next friend Kathleen Megill Strek; UNIQUE L. by her next friend Annette Smith;

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of all others similarly situated."

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